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LONDON FOR ARA DAS BUSHNELL, PANAMA ALSO FOR ROBERT PASTOR

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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT PEREZ APPEALS TO PRESIDENT CARTER ON
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REF: A. CARACAS 4531
B. AMB. WEISSMAN/WAGNER TELECON
C. SANTO DOMINGO 3650

1. VENEZUELAN OAS AMBASSADOR MACHIN REPORTED THE FOLLOWING
TO US OAS DEP REP TRAGEN: THE OBSERVERS SAW BALAGUER TODAY
(SEE REFTEL C). THE PRESIDENT WAS "DESLOCADO" AND DETER-

MINED TO HOLD POWER. AFTER THE MEETING ISABEL PASTRANA CALLED VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT PEREZ TO SAY THAT THE TEAM WAS LEAVING THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. TWO HOURS LATER, BALAGUER ASSURED THEM THAT THE VOTE COUNT WOULD RESUME. PASTRANA THEN CALLED PEREZ BACK AND TOLD HIM THE TEAM WOULD STAY FOR TWO MORE DAYS. MACHIN AND WE HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH ACTING OAS SECRETARY-GENERAL ZELAYA, AND WE ARE COORDINATING WITH THE VENEZUELAN TO ENSURE THAT THE OBSERVERS REMAIN IN PLACE.

2. PEREZ HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE GOVERNMENTS OF COLOMBIA, COSTA RICA, AND PANAMA. THEY HAVE ALL AGREED THAT, IF THE VOTE COUNTING IS STOPPED OR IS FRAUDULENT, THEY WILL BREAK DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AND ASK US TO DO THE SAME. THE PROPOSAL FOR THE MEETING OF THE ORGAN OF CONSULTATION HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL THE SITUATION IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC BECOMES CLEARER. WE HAVE NOT MADE ANY DECISION ABOUT ANY OF THE ACTIONS OUTLINED IN THIS PARAGRAPH.

3. WE WILL KEEP ALL ADDRESSES INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

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